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Mr. Jay Angoff Director Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, HHS Room 738 G, HHH Building 200 Independence Ave, SW Washington, DC 20201

Re: National Transitional High Risk Pool

Dear Mr. Angoff:

Thank you for your assistance in working with us on the development of a high risk pool in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As we have discussed, given the unique circumstances in Massachusetts, I believe that it is in the best interests of our residents for Massachusetts to participate in the National Transitional High Risk Pool.

Although we are not pursuing the development of a high risk program at this time, we will continue to assess the needs of the uninsured in Massachusetts and would like to be able to have further discussions with you in the future if we feel we can develop a program that will better address these needs.

If you would like to discuss further, please contact David Martin at (617) 573-1605 or <u>David.Martin@state.ma.us</u>.

Sincerely,

JudyAnn Bigby, M.D.